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THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ASKS CALIFORNIANS TO UNITE IN THE NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE ON MEMORIAL DAY

Pause and unite at 3 p.m. in honor of our fallen

Monday, May 26, at 3 p.m. local time, Major League Baseball games will stop, Amtrak train whistles will blast across the country and hundreds of other nationwide participants will encourage Americans to pause for the Memorial Day National Moment of Remembrance. The 'Moment' was established by an act of Congress, to honor those who died in service to our country.

All citizens, alone or with family and friends, wherever they may be at 3 p.m., local time, are asked to pause for a Moment of reflection and rededication to give something back to our country in memory of our Nation's fallen. The goal is to put "Memorial" back into Memorial Day. A Gallup poll revealed that only 28 percent of Americans know the meaning of this noble holiday.

"I encourage everyone to pause (safely) for this moment of reflection this Monday, May 26 at 3:00 p.m. regardless of where they find themselves to remember 'I am free because some brave soul died for my freedom,'" said Tom Johnson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. "Too often we get caught up in preparing a picnic or getting to store sales, and we forget why we honor Memorial Day. This Monday, I hope we all pause to remember the legacy of those who died to make our country great and pray for the safe return of our men and women currently fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan."

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